Intersection Improvements

North Road at Chelmsford Road
and
North Road at Pine Hill Road

Local Concerns Meeting Presentation

October 20, 2016





Agenda

- Provide an overview of the project
- North Road at Chelmsford Road Intersection
- North Road at Pine Hill Road Intersection
- Review existing conditions

 Receive input from the public about each intersection.

North Road at Chelmsford Road

Existing Conditions

North Road

- Urban Minor Arterial
- 25 mph Posted Speed Limit
- Provides access North towards Route
 3/Billerica/Chelmsford
- No sidewalks/bicycle accommodations

North Road (Route 4)

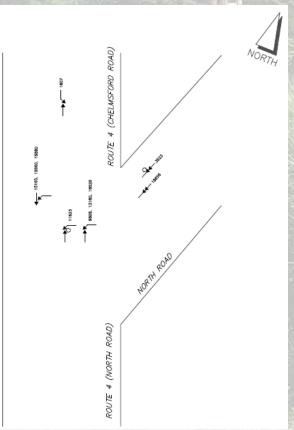
- Urban Minor Arterial
- 35 40 mph Posted Speed Limit
- Provides access South towards Bedford center
- No sidewalks/bicycle accommodations

Chelmsford Road (Route 4)

- Urban Minor Arterial
- 35 mph Posted Speed Limit
- Provides access North towards Chelmsford
- No sidewalks/bicycle accommodations

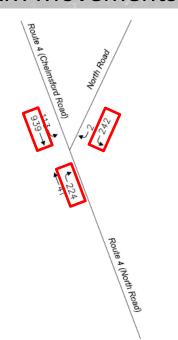
Crash Data Analysis

- 10 Total Crashes 2013-2015
- 2 Crashes resulted in injury
- Majority (7) Involve vehicles exiting North Rd turning south onto Route 4
- Majority are angle collisions.
- The crash rate for this intersection is 0.57 as compared to the average crash rate for the district of 0.56



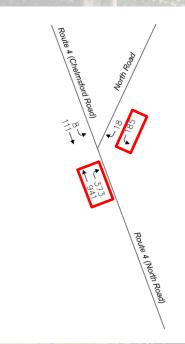
Traffic Data

AM Movements



- Average Daily Traffic
 - Rt. 4 (North Rd.) 14,800 vehicles
 - Rt. 4 (Chelmsford Rd.) 8,400
 vehicles
 - North Road 7,600 vehicles
- The general movements in the AM mirror those in the PM.
- The main movements involve:
 - Lefts from North Rd. onto Rt. 4
 - Rights from Rt. 4 onto North Rd.
 - Through movements on Chelmsford Rd.

PM Movements



North Road at Pine Hill Road

Existing Conditions

North Road (Route 4)

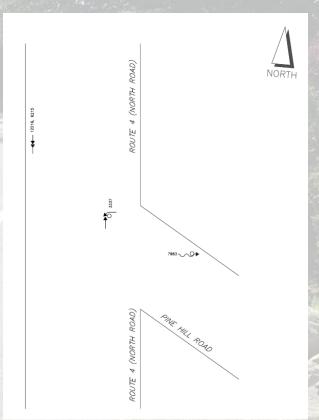
- Urban Minor Arterial
- 40 mph Posted Speed Limit
- Provides access south towards Bedford center
- Provides access north towards Route 3/Billerica/Chelmsford
- Sidewalk located on southeast side of intersection
- No bicycle accommodations

Pine Hill Road

- Urban Collector
- Scenic Roadway
- 30 mph Posted Speed Limit
- Provides indirect access south towards Route 3 and I-95
- Bypass Bedford Town center
- No sidewalks/bicycle accommodations

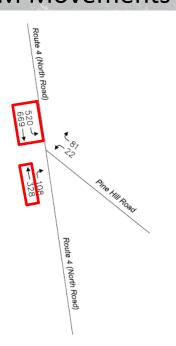
Crash Data Analysis

- 4 Total Crashes 2013-2015
- 2 crashed involve rear ends on vehicles turning left onto Pine Hill Road
- The crash rate for this intersection is 0.20 as compared to the average crash rate for the district of 0.56



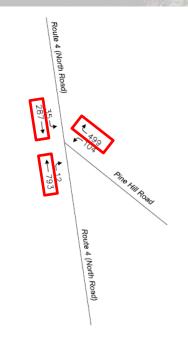
Traffic Data

AM Movements



- Average Daily Traffic
 - Rt. 4 (North Rd.) 14,800 vehicles
 - Pine Hill Rd. 5,300 vehicles
- The general movements in the AM mirror those in the PM.
- The main movements involve:
 - Lefts from North Rd. onto Pine Hill Rd.
 - Through movements on North Rd.
 - Rights from Pine Hill Rd. onto North Rd.

PM Movements



Design Objectives

Do this...

- Maximize intersection safety
- Provide a more intuitive intersection design
- Improve intersection functionality
- Improve intersection capacity/performance
- Improve sight distances
- Provide turning lanes where possible
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle accommodation

While doing this...

- Maintain Scenic Roadway character
- Minimize disturbances to wetlands, environmental resources
- Minimize impacts to abutter properties
- Retain and protect stone walls
- Minimize impacts to existing trees/landscaping



Summary of What's Next

- Summarize the valuable inputs
- Coordinate with the Town
- Incorporate concerns identified tonight
- Develop three (3)
 conceptual designs
 alternatives for each
 intersection

 Present the design alternatives to the Town